

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to designate March 19, 2011, as "East Ridge High School Marching Band Alumni Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those marching band programs that exemplify musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures;

WHEREAS, inspired by a common spirit of camaraderie, enthusiasm, and devotion, the members of the East Ridge High School band have exhibited true talent and ability throughout their fifty-year history; and

WHEREAS, at the foundation of this exceptional band, Chet Hedgecoth brilliantly served as band director during the 1960s, and Bill Snyder motivated his peers as East Ridge's quintessential first band captain; and

WHEREAS, the East Ridge marching band alumni are planning to celebrate this historic occasion at East Ridge High School, March 19, 2011, and the attendees will include current and former members of the East Ridge High School concert, marching, or stage bands, majorettes, drum majors, color guard, drill team, flag corps, and rifle corps; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this memorable event, a seminal group of alumni and students will be donating a beautiful display case to the East Ridge History Center, so that the band's past, present, and future achievements can be enjoyed and recognized by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of fifty solid years of continued dedication to the highest standards of musical and marching performance, the East Ridge High School marching band serves as the golden standard among its peers in the State of Tennessee, and each one of its alumni should be recognized for their commitment and hard work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 19, 2011, as "East Ridge High School Marching Band Alumni Day" in Tennessee, in recognition of the important role the East Ridge High School band has played and continues to play in the musical heritage of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.